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ABSTRACT

A method for closing an opening in a wall of a body lumen wherein an elongate member is advanced into the body lumen and a distal portion of an obturator is positioned distally beyond the distal end of the elongate member within the body lumen and in which one or more expandable elements on the distal portion of the obturator are expanded. The obturator is then withdrawn until the expandable elements contact the wall of the body lumen and a clip having tines is advanced over the elongate member until the tines penetrate the wall of the body lumen. The tines and the expandable elements are offset from one another. The elongate member is withdrawn from the body lumen and the clip substantially closes the opening in the body lumen.

A clip for engaging tissue includes a generally annular-shaped body defining a plane and disposed about a central axis extending normal to the plane. The body includes alternating inner and outer curved regions, defining a zigzag pattern about a periphery of the clip. The body is biased towards a planar configuration lying in the plane and deflectable towards a transverse configuration extending out of the plane. Tines extend from the inner curved regions, the tines being oriented towards the central axis in the planar configuration, and parallel to the central axis in the transverse configuration. The tines may include primary tines and secondary tines that are shorter than the primary tines. The primary tines may be disposed on opposing inner curved regions and oriented towards one another such that they overlap in the planar configuration.